Camp in Roxbury 15th June 1775

Dear Sir.

In much confusion & noise I set down to answer your very welcome favour which I received this morning. The news of Mrs Woodbridges death was very affecting: but the pain much alleviated by the thoughts of her mingling the holy society above, leaving this dreadfull world this guilty land, dressed in all the horrors of war full of all kinds of impurity, for the pure peaceable fruition of the liberty of the sons of God.

I will proceed to answer your queries as well as I am able; tho I must be but breif.
As to the moral state of the Camp it is bad; I see no kind of seriousness; but on the contrary my ears are filled with the most shocking oaths, & imprications; & the tremendous name of the great God is taken on the most trifling ocations. The principle part of the Troops that are here belong to this & Rhode Island Government: ours are not so bad as theirs but we are far from having any thing to boast of.
As to the preaching I am not able to judge, I heard Mr Gordon last Sabbath & have not attended to our Chaplain; but from what I can

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guess, from his conversation &c I shall be disap=
=pointed if it is of the best kind. Mr Spring & Mr
Fish of Upton are here; indeed the Camp abounds
with Clergymen, many of whom are very boon
companions; I have not consulted the general
yet about the expediency of your coming; his mind
is full of more important matters, (if I may be
allowed to say so) he is wholly taken up with his
business as a Soldier. We expect every day a visit
from our Neighbours and we are not in circum=
=stances to give them that reception which we wish.
We are going to open intrenchments to day in
some places out of the view of the enemies camp
& to night upon Dorchester neck, I suppose that
will provoke the enemies fire. As to the number
killed on Noddles Island I can get no satisfactory
accounts, it has got to be an old story here &
little is said about it, I do not think there
was more killed than 40 or 50. Mr Pitkin of Farm=
=ington came into Town last evening. I hope to see
you here this Summer, tho' I believe it not best
for you to come at present. Dr Elliot came out
of Boston the day before Yesterday, he went
over Charlestown ferry. so I am not able to say what
intelligence he brings. There was an exchange of Prisoners
last week. The soldiers that returned to Boston told
their comrades of the kind treatment they met
with from us, it made some disturbance in the
camp but they were hushed by the officers, —
General Gage has published a manifesto

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offering pardon to all the Rebels except
Hancock & Adams. I have not been able to
procure one to send to you; it will likely be
in the public papers.

General Spencer sends his regards to you.
I am dear Sr. by a thousand obligations
yours.

James Cogswell

Mr Hart

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